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## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Verila Lubricants Factory is located near the Robertovo railroad station (N 42-38, E 23-33), which is the third station out of Sofia on the Sofia-Plovdiv-Burgas line.
2. The factory has the following buildings (numbers correspond to those of the sketch in Appendix, pages 3, 4 and 5):
  - a. Administration (8);
  - b. Steam production (1);
  - c. Living quarters (7);
  - d. Raw materials warehouses (4 and 5);
  - e. First stage of work (6);
  - f. Refinery (2); and
  - g. Distillery (3).
3. It is equipped with oil pipelines on the surface and underground for storing raw materials in the warehouses and for loading the finished products directly into tank cars (for the railroad station) or motor vehicles (for the road which parallels the factory).
4. The Verila Lubricants Factory is managed by a General Directorate located at No. 68 Rakovska Street in Sofia, and is subordinate to the Ministry of National Defense.
5. Raw materials consist of the following:

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- a. Crude petroleum;
  - b. Residues from the processing of petroleum (obtained from Ruse and the Rhodope mining basin);
  - c. Animal bones (collected around the country); and
  - d. Sulfuric and hydrochloric acids (furnished by the Stalin Chemical Combine of Dimitrovgrad).
6. The factory produces the following items:
- a. Lubricants for delicate gears (two or three tank cars per week);
  - b. Grease (10 or 15 tons per day), packed in small wooden boxes 50 by 20 by 20 centimeters in size;
  - c. Tar, asphalt, plaster;
  - d. Tarred and waterproofed cardboard for roofs; and
  - e. Probably grease for ammunition (allegedly 100 to 200 kilograms per day).

The Production Process:

- 7. The crude petroleum is stored in tank (2) and is later taken by means of underground pipes to building (6) for the primary stage of processing. The bones are stored in buildings (4) and (5) and are also taken later to building (6) for the preliminary processing.
- 8. After preliminary processing in building (6), the product is taken by means of underground pipes to the refining room (9) of building (2), where it undergoes four refining processes. Then it is taken to building (3) for the final process of distillation (there are three distillers for this purpose).
- 9. The finished products are taken to tank (2b) by means of oil pipes, from where they are loaded into tank cars.

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1. Power station.
2. Refinery.
- 2a. Export section (shipping).
- 2b. Tank (reservoir) with pipelines opening at the bottom.
- 2c. Tank for the grease of refined petroleum.
3. Distillery.
4. Raw materials warehouse.
5. War materials warehouse.
6. First stage of processing the petroleum.
7. Living quarters and theater.
8. Administration building.
9. Four distillers.
10. Pumping room.
11. Chimney.

|—|—Oil pipeline for raw petroleum.

——Oil pipeline for the finished products (lubricants).

Note: All measures are approximate.

Assemble sketch as follows:

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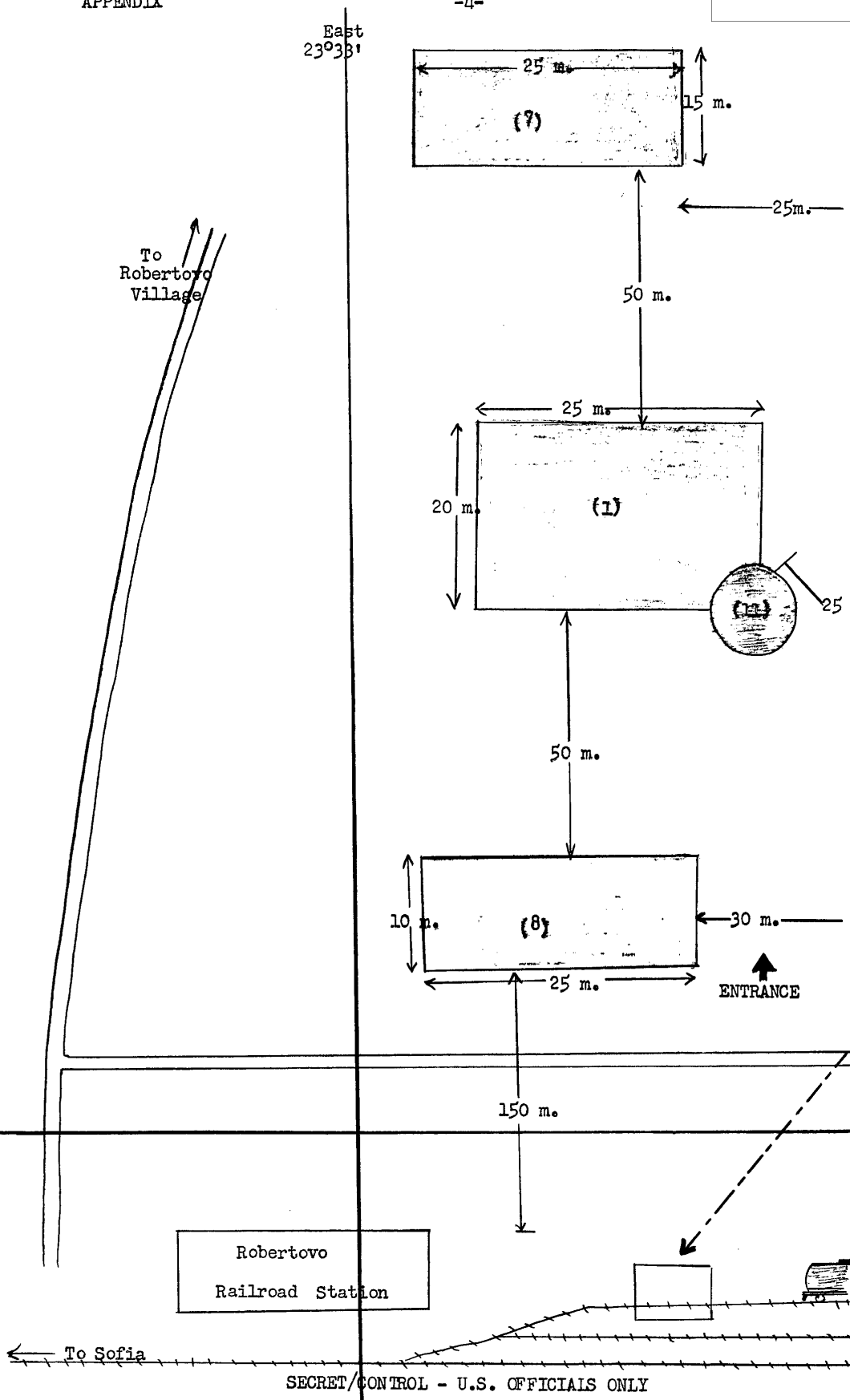
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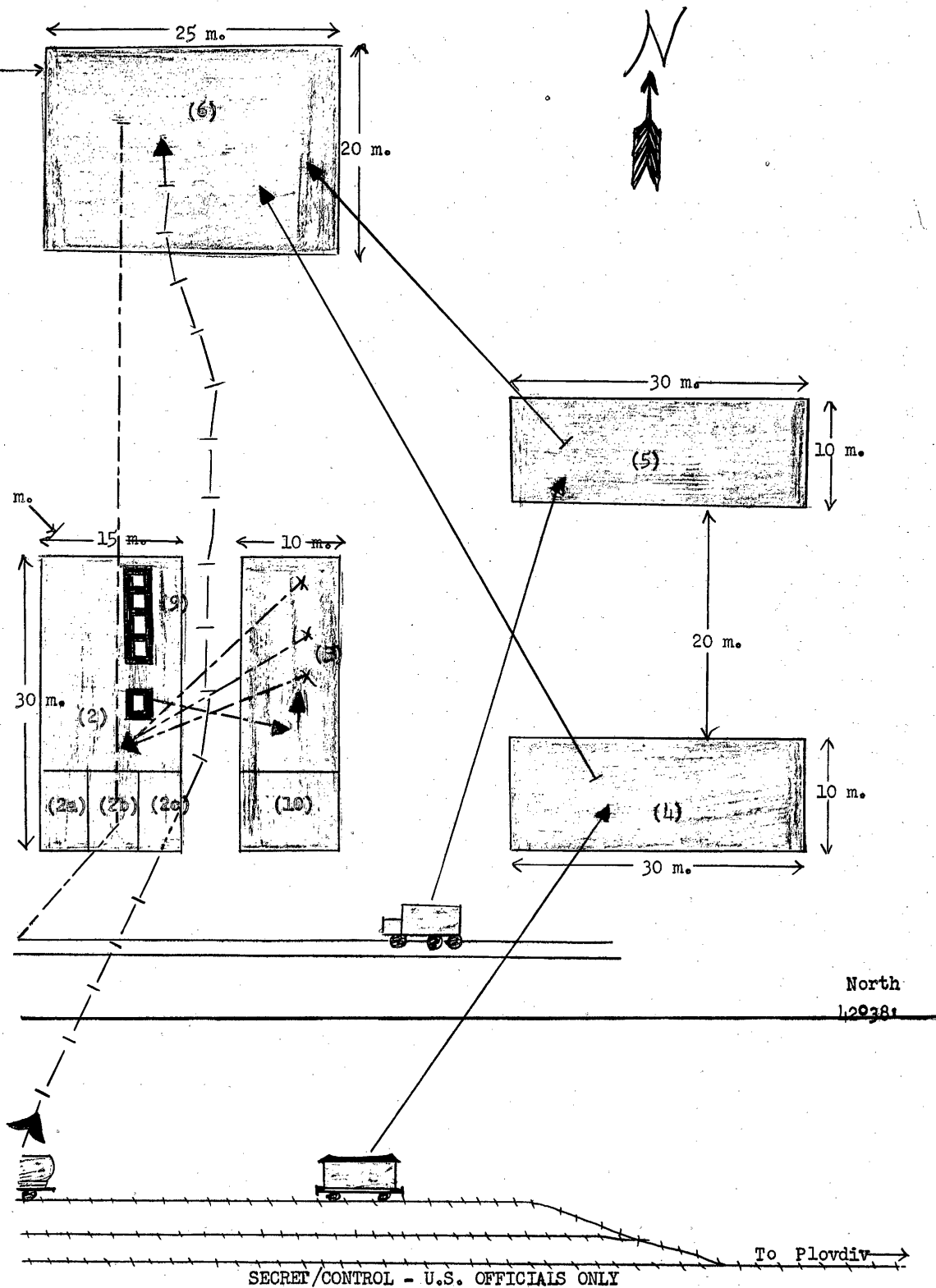


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